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OSSIPEE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING DISCUSSING THE INACTIVE OSSIPEE TO CONWAY RAIL LINE

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation's (NHDOT) Bureau of Rail and Transit will hold a public meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2004 in Ossipee to discuss the Conway Branch rail line feasibility study.

In response to legislation passed in 2003, the NHDOT's Bureau of Rail and Transit has been studying the cost and feasibility of rehabilitating the inactive rail line between Ossipee and Conway.

At the March 4 public meeting, NHDOT representatives will present information on the rail corridor, including its condition and the estimated cost of reconstructing it to accommodate freight or passenger rail service. Comments or information from interested persons are encouraged.

The March 4 public meeting will be held at the Ossipee Town Hall in Center Ossipee, beginning at 7:00 PM. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Thursday, March 11.